

at an adjourned

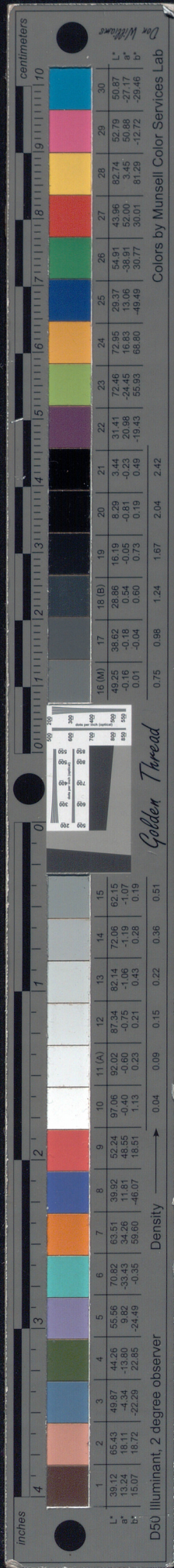
A meeting of the Directors the 14<sup>th</sup> June

Present Richard Wells Mordcaai Lewis

Benjamin Gibbs Munnar Morris Benjamin

Poullney Joseph Parchall & Richard

~~John~~ Wistar Thomas Parker & John Knight





At a meeting of the Directors the 5<sup>th</sup> July present  
Jonah Newes Richard Wells Benjamin Gibbs  
Benjamin Poulney Joseph Parshall  
Richard Winter ~~Benjamin Gibbs~~ Thomas Parker John  
Kaighn

The treasurer not being present the  
business referred to him relative to the  
fine due from John Rutledge is continued  
As are the Comtee for complicating the  
repair of the window case -

The Comtee for binding books are continued as  
a standing Comtee for that purpose till  
the next election

The Secretary reports that final judgment  
was this day entered ~~in~~ in the exchequer  
for the lot in 5<sup>th</sup> Street of that ~~be~~ will  
amount of habeas facias for possession will  
be issued in favor of the present tenant  
After the Supreme Court is over -

The Comtee for providing a suitable lot  
for building - continued.

The Comtee for carrying a catalogue to  
be printed report that they have well  
gone on a prospect in the business - ~~and~~  
they are continued.



upon motion resolved that the  
Librarian furnish the gentlemen  
comprising the Convention now  
sitting with such books as they may  
desire during their continuance ~~here~~  
in Phil ad & copies taking a receipt for  
the same

The Secretary is requested to supply them  
with a copy of this minute

Another number of the American Mercantile  
being presented by the publisher. the  
thanks of the Directors are returned

Application was made on the part of  
Doctor C. Winter to be admitted a  
member under the ~~divine~~ ~~for~~ ~~any~~  
device of his father Richard Winter Decd  
to which the <sup>will be</sup> board assented

on motion resolved. that the fines & hire of books  
due from members & others be regularly  
settled once in three months. & that the  
Librarian be directed to suffer no ~~book~~  
person to take out books whose ~~account~~  
<sup>may be</sup> ~~has been~~ in debt as  
after <sup>and do by</sup> ~~the~~ term before mentioned

The Librarian having offered three years of  
Humphreys' Papers - for the price of £. 3. the  
board agree to purchase them at that  
price -

Copied to  
this place.



At a meeting the 2<sup>d</sup> Aug. present Joseph  
Parhall Thomas Morris Mordecai Lewis  
Thomas Parke Benjamin Poulacey  
John Keighley Richard Wistar, Benjamin  
Gibbs.

The treasurer not attending, the matters  
relative to John Rutledge's fine is continued.

The committee on the microscope continued

The Secretary reported that a writ of habeas  
corpus for a person has been taken out  
~~given in his possession~~ for the 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
lot & that it is necessary to appoint a  
suitable person as attorney to receive  
possession. whereupon ~~that~~ it is resolved  
that Zachariah Poulson be constituted  
attorney of the Company for that purpose  
a letter of attorney was ~~issued~~ duly executed  
~~for that purpose~~ accordingly.

The committee for a lot to build on, - continued

The committee on the Catalogue - are also continued  
The Secretary communicated the following  
letter which he had received from the Secretary  
of the Convention in return to the resolve  
of last meeting -



An account as presented & allowed  
for £. 25. due to the Carpenter's Company  
for the last half years rent for which  
an order was drawn on the Treasurer —

As was also an order for £. 3 payable  
to Lachariah Poulson for the Newspapers  
mentioned in the resolves of last meeting —

Application was made by Saml. Smith  
admr of William Shute to transfer one of the  
shares belonging to the <sup>W. Shute's</sup> estate to  
Isaac Lane <sup>of Virginia</sup> in trust for Isaac  
Lane now of this place a minor during the  
life of the last mentioned Isaac Lane —  
with remainder to himself - and also one  
other share ~~of the~~ belonging to the same estate  
(being the share of Thomas Shute the son of the  
W. William Shute who dying in testate his father  
bequeathed to his share) to Robert Milligan &  
to which application the letter of admn  
being produced the board assents  
~~two~~ <sup>one</sup> ~~attestations~~ by D. ~~Parke~~ Leigh on the subject of  
opium & the other by D. Norris upon which were  
presented by D. Benj. Barton - now in Edinburgh  
- thus the hands of D. Parke for which D.  
Parke is requested to return thanks —  
Saml. Nichol as presented a silver Coin sent  
from the East Indies said to be a rupee for



which Mr. Parshall was requested to  
return him thanks -

The manuscript fish was presented by  
Parshall Hollingsworth for which the Librarian  
will return him thanks -

A volume of the public accounts of Pennsylv.  
presented by John H. Wolfson Esq. (on roller  
leaf) for which the thanks of the Company are  
returned to him

On the application of L. Poulson the  
Librarian an order was drawn on the  
Treasurer for £30. on acct of his salary  
Application was also made for <sup>admit a former</sup> leave of absence of  
Sam'l Cooperkin with leave to Robert  
Blackwell to furnish the book and permit



At a special meeting of the Directors  
the 11<sup>th</sup> Aug. Pres. Rich<sup>d</sup> Wells Mordcai Lewis  
Joseph Parrhall Rich<sup>d</sup> Wistar Thomas Morris  
Bry: Poultney John Kain John Beir: Gibbs  
Morrison Parker.

The following letter from Saml. Magaw  
was read (insert the letter)  
whereupon resolved that this board  
meet on the 18<sup>th</sup> in. & for the purpose of  
holding a conference with the Comtee mentioned  
therein

At an adjourned meeting the 15<sup>th</sup> Aug.  
Pres. R. Wells. J. Kain. M. Lewis. F. Morris.  
R. Wistar. B. Poultney. J. Parrhall. & the treas?

A Comtee from the Philosphical Society -  
viz. Saml. Magaw. George Fox. Dr. Nathan Hoge  
J. W. Whinn & Thos. Kinton attended & the  
proposals of the society relative to the disposition  
of the lot now built upon being considered -  
of the lot now built upon being considered -  
a request being made to the Comtee that they  
would furnish the board with an account  
of the expenses incurred, the materials already  
paid for of the plans of the future building  
which the Comtee were not prepared to do -  
the further consideration thereof was deferred  
to the next stated meeting -



A meeting of the Directors the 6.<sup>th</sup> Sept.  
Present R. Wells, J. Paschall, J. Weaver, J. Kaighn  
B. Gibbs, B. Poulbrey, R. Wistar, J. Parke  
Thomas Morris <sup>Clarence Lewis</sup> the treasurer

The treasurer reports that he has not received  
J. Rutledge's fine

The Committee on the minutes & the contents of  
the report reports that since the last meeting  
agreement has been made of the lot in 3<sup>rd</sup> street was  
delivered to Zachariah Poulson, attorney for  
the ~~Company~~ Company

~~John~~ John Kaighn, Thomas Parke & Joseph  
Paschall are appointed a Committee to view the  
above lot & to report at the next meeting what will be the most proper  
measures to be taken with respect to them both

~~The~~ No further communication having  
been made from the Philo. Socy relative to  
the subject of the two last special meetings  
~~the Committee~~ the further consideration thereof  
is postponed & the Committee for a lot to build on  
continued

The Committee on the Catalogue submitted a sketch  
of their proposed plan of clasping the books which was  
read & the Committee continued



The Secretary reports that he has ~~transferred~~  
recorded the transfers of the following shares  
Jesuch Cox having presented Adams's Defence  
of the American Constitution (Philad & Edi.)  
of Dr. Parke the dried skin of the big game animal  
called a Loon - ~~to the board of the company~~  
~~was presented to the board~~ M. Carey two  
members of the American Museum for July 1787  
Zachariah Paulson junr. The Minutes &  
Laws of the 2<sup>d</sup> Sepin of the 11<sup>th</sup> sent a summary  
of the State of Pennsylvania - for which the thanks of the  
Company were returned -

Two rosaries were also presented to the  
Company -

Augafiler the pen of James 2<sup>d</sup> A.D. 1687  
from B. Poultray for which he received thanks  
of the board -

An amount from W<sup>m</sup> Thos<sup>d</sup> Bradford for  
£ 4.6 - & another from Thos<sup>d</sup> Bradford for £ 21.15.  
were presented & referred to Thomas Parke &  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Winter

Resolved That a separate record of the  
present made to the Company be kept by  
the Librarian



At a meeting of the Directors at the Library  
Room Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Present Josiah Howe, Richard  
Wells, Thomas Morris, Mordecai Lewis, Joseph  
Parchell Thomas Parker Benjamin  
Piney Joseph Keighly the treasurer

The Committee for repairing the microscope  
continued

The Committee for reporting the most proper  
measures to be taken with regard to the lots  
inform the board that the house in 5<sup>th</sup>  
Street is not worth repairing & that it would  
not be expedient to ~~for~~ enclose the lot in  
Chester Street till next Spring

The treasurer has not yet received the  
fine due from John Rutledge.

The Philopical Society not having  
sent any farther proposals to the board relative  
to the subjects of the former special meeting  
& it appearing from information received  
that they have proceeded in the building  
began upon the lot, the directors conceive  
the negotiation is at an end

The Committee for a lot to build on is continuing  
The Committee on the Catalogue report a progress  
and are continuing



The Comtee of the accounts of W. G. T. B. Bradford  
report that that of W. G. T. B. Bradford £. 4. 16.  
appears to be balanced by the annual  
payment on W. G. T. B. Bradford's share of  
~~what~~ that the other is justly due - an  
order was accordingly drawn in the treasurer  
for £. 21. 15. - payable to Thomas Bradford

The Comtee of correspondance produced a  
letter of invoice of a small parcel of books from  
Joseph Woods - <sup>[insert the letter]</sup> 31V the books were directed to be  
properly labelled & clasped

A large striated shell was presented by the  
librarian in return for which he received the  
Company's thanks -

Resolved that Rich and Wells, Mordecai Lewis  
& Thomas Parke the usual committee  
correspondence order an importation of books  
to the value of £. 50 Ster l'g - in which the  
periodical publications & books of moderate  
prices be preferred

A letter from W. Coates dated the 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 1784  
was read proposing to assign ground rents in  
payment of the bond due to the Company whereupon  
Joseph Parshall & Thomas Morris <sup>& the treasurer</sup> were appointed  
a committee to confer with him with power to  
propose to him that on paying the interest & costs  
the principal may remain secured by <sup>for the present</sup> J. L. L. L.



Paschall Tolling worth presents a  
trap coin from the East Indies. Joseph  
Paschall was requested to return him  
Thanks —

At a Meeting of the Directors the 1<sup>st</sup> of Novemb<sup>r</sup> 1787  
present Tho Morris, R Westar, B Poultney, J Paschall,  
B Gibbs, D Park, Mord Lewis, Jonah Hever, John Haigher,  
Richard Wells & the Treasurer

The Committee on the Microscope are continued

The money from John Ross on acc<sup>t</sup> of John Pultedye is  
not yet rec<sup>d</sup> —

The building Committee are continued

The Committee on the Catalogue produced a Specimen of  
the Arrangements of the Books and are continued to com-  
-plete it —

The Committee of Correspondence report that they have forward-  
ed a List of sundry Books and an Order to complete an Im-  
-position to the amount of £50 the Letter accompanying the  
Order is as follows —

have insert it —

A Report being now made by the Committee that they had  
not obtained from Wm Coates any Payment or rec<sup>d</sup>. Encourage-  
-ment to expect an immediate Discharge of the Interest so  
long due, the Board find themselves under the Necessity of  
giving Directions to proceed agreeably to former Determin-  
-ations of the



Thomas Affleck Agent for Ed: Allen requests that some  
order may be taken respecting the Wooden Building  
erected on the Lot adjoining to the Late Union Library  
in 3<sup>d</sup> Street which he wishes either to sell or remove  
Josiah Hewes, D<sup>r</sup> Parker & P. Parhall are appointed  
to confer with T Affleck & report to next meeting

The Beauties of Johnson a neat duodec: printed in Philad<sup>a</sup>  
is presented by Caleb Bug life ~~presented~~

The American Museum for August & September: two Numbers  
each - presented by Matthew Carey

{ Journal of the second Session of the Council of Censors  
begun June 1<sup>st</sup> - 1784 and  
John Vdalls Certaine Sermons taken out of severall Places  
of Scripture London printed by Adam Topley 1596  
presented by Joseph Croushanks - for all which  
the Board returns Thanks -

The Committee of Correspondence are desired to  
procure a Bill of Exchange for fifty Pounds Sterling  
and remit it to Joseph Wood & William Dillwyn  
and an Order was now drawn on the Treasurer  
to pay them as much Money as the said Bill may  
cost



At a meeting the 6.<sup>th</sup> Day of Dec. 1787. Present  
Josiah Hewes John Knighs Benj. Poulney  
Benj. Gibbs Thomas Parke Thomas Morris Joseph  
Parchall Richard Wistar & Mordecai Lewis  
and the Treasurers

The Committee on the microscope report that  
Mr. Rittenhouse has promised to attend to the  
repair of the ~~instrument~~ <sup>it</sup> & wished it to be left  
with him - To which the board a grant of continuing  
helpance

John Rutledge's money appears by the Treasurers  
report to be not yet received

The building Comtee is continued

The Catalogue Comtee report that they continue  
their attentions & are continued

The Committee of Correspondence report that  
they have purchased a bill for <sup>at £. 175. 0. Cent. being £. 87. 10. currency</sup> £. 50. drawn  
by Thomas Parke on Robert Barclay which they  
have remitted to Joseph Wood of <sup>Northampton</sup> ~~Northampton~~ Dillwyn  
with the following letter (dated Nov. 20.<sup>th</sup> 1787)

The part of the debt due from Wm. Gates having  
been received since the last meeting the Comtee  
without business are continued

The Comtee appointed to <sup>confer with</sup> Thomas Affleck made report  
whereupon resolved that the Comtee be authorised  
to contract with the attorney of Edward Allen  
for the purchase of the frame building -  
provided they do not exceed the sum of £. 30 and  
for the same



Application was made for leave to transfer  
the share of Joseph Whitkall deed to William  
Gray -

the share of George Gray deceased to Richard  
Parker

the share of Adam Hubley to John Fry  
of that of Sumner Bedford to Jacob Bankson  
to all which the board assent.

The directors resolved that no transfer shall  
be recorded unless it shall ~~be~~ appear that the  
arrearages of fines & forfeitures are paid up to the  
time of the transfer

An account was presented from Caleb Baslap  
as follows (in feet & accot) from which the  
board deducted £. 2. 11 which they conceived to be  
overcharged & drew an order on the Treasurer  
for £. 14. 6. 6.

Another from James Blair as follows -  
- - which was allowed of an order drawn  
in his favor on the treas'r for £. 7. 16.

And another by Josiah Hume for two boxes of  
candles purchased by him of George Perry as  
follows - - which was also allowed of an  
order drawn in his favor for £. 5. 11.

Two copies of the manuscript from Matthew  
Cary for Oct & Nov of two from November were  
presented for which the board return their  
usual acknowledgments -



At a Meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Jan. 1788 Present  
Josiah Hewes, Dr Parke, Ben<sup>y</sup> Poultney, John Haigher,  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Wistar, Jos<sup>h</sup> Parchal, Mord<sup>o</sup> Lewis, Richard Wells  
Thomas Morris & the Treasurer — Scoates  
The Microscope Committee are continued & requested to  
have the Business completed

John Profs having been pressed in very close Language to  
satisfy the Company for the Note put into his Hands given  
by Dr Parke, he would give no kind of Satisfaction to the  
Committee, which the Board conceive very improper  
Conduct — & continue the Committee to demand either the Money  
The Building Committee are continued (on this Note)

It is now reported by the Catalogue Committee that they have  
attended steadily to the Business and made considerable  
Progress therein — but finding it a Work of great Care  
and assiduity they request an Addition — John Haigher is  
desired to unite with them

No Interview being had with W. Coates since the last Meeting  
the Committee are desired to attend to that Business  
The Committee appointed on the Business of W Coates Debt  
report that the proper Steps are taken for bringing it to  
an issue —

Edward Atkins Agents appear by the Report of the Committee  
to be unwilling to take £30 for the Wooden Building —  
the Board taking the same into Consideration are unani-  
mously of Opinion it not to exceed that Sum —  
the Committee are requested to inform them of

The Transfers to Richard Parker, W<sup>m</sup> Gray John Long & Jacob Bank,  
son are <sup>judged to be</sup> not yet recorded ~~as agreed to at last Meeting~~

James Baileys Acc<sup>t</sup> for the Towns Journal 4<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Feb.  
was now presented by Dr Parke who has the Care of settling  
the said Paper 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years of which are in the Library — ready  
bound the other remains still to be bound — An Order was  
drawn for the same being Four Pounds eight shillings  
8<sup>d</sup> —



The Librarian . requesting an Order for Ten Pounds on  
account of her Salary it was now drawn for that  
sum —

At a meeting the 7.<sup>th</sup> February present Josiah Hewes,  
Richard ~~Hewes~~ <sup>W. B. Hewes</sup>, Thomas Parke, Mordecai Lewis,  
Benjamin Gibbs, Joseph Parshall, Thomas  
Chorris John Kaighn

The microscope Committee continued

Both the members of the Committee appointed  
to obtain ratification from J. P. not being  
present no report was made — the Council was  
continued

The building committee continued and that  
for the recovery of W. Coates, debt, are continued

The committee appointed for the purpose report that  
they have <sup>communicated to</sup> ~~informed~~ the agents of Edward Allen  
the resolve of last meeting, which they declined  
accepting.

~~Sam. Vaughan~~

Application was made & leave given to  
transfer the share of Sam. Vaughan the  
elder to Sam. Vaughan the younger. and of  
Isaac Brewster deceased to Azariah Horton

~~William Allen~~ <sup>John</sup>



3 Representations of a curious fish taken out of  
an Oyster vessel received from William  
Sellers (Printer)

4 of a millepedes, a scorpion & a tarantula  
from Miss Fisher Esquire and  
of some curious shells taken from the  
bottom of a French Ship which put into  
the port of Philadelphia in dis Feb  
last October from a person who desired his  
name to be concealed

5 of a printed sheet of Bergman's table of  
elective attractions - & a scale of heat from  
the Librarian - to whom the Board return  
thanks

6 and of some curious shells taken from  
the bottom of a French Ship which put into  
this port in dis Feb last October from a  
person unknown

of an oval medal of Mary Queen of  
1. ~~James~~ ~~James~~ ~~James~~ in Scotland & Henry  
her husband struck in 1567 - from the ~~Library~~

2. and of a book called Plectanion or the  
Law & Art of Nature in knowing Judging &c -  
(insert the title) from Jacob Duke Esquire -

Thomas Penrose having frequently made application for con-  
firmation of a Right to the Share in the Library, for which he  
alleged to have made full Payment some Years ago, but that  
the Business  
it was not regularly conducted on the Part of the former Librarian  
The Board now agree to nominate Mr. Lewis & Mr. Parshall  
to examine into the Transactions & accommodate it agree-  
able to Justice & Equity



At a meeting of the directors March 6<sup>th</sup> present  
Richard Wells Thomas Morris, Joseph Paschall,  
John Kaighn Mordecai Lewis Thomas Parke  
of the Treasurer

The members met not being a quorum - they  
adjourned to the next stated meeting

At a special meeting of the directors the 12<sup>th</sup> day of  
March 1788 - present

Richard Wells, Thomas Morris, Mordecai Lewis,  
Benjamin Pulteney, Joseph Paschall,  
Richard Wistar Thomas Parke the treasurer

The board took into consideration the proposals  
made by John Fromberger relative to the sale of a  
lot of ground <sup>near</sup> Second Street. ~~for~~ which appeared  
suitable ~~to the~~ building and after some time  
spent in debating thereupon referred it for  
further deliberation



At a meeting of the directors April 3<sup>d</sup> 1788.  
Present Joseph Paschall, Thomas Morris, Benjamin  
Gibbs Rich and Wistar Montecai Lewis Thoma Parke  
Richard Wells the Treasurer

The ~~committee~~ <sup>may make</sup> report that the microscope was  
repaired and that David Rittenhump Esq.  
requests to be indulged with the use of it to  
which the board assents on his giving his note  
to the Librarian to return ~~it when required~~  
under the usual regulations

and that John Ross had promised to make the  
payment which has long been expected from  
him. ~~He therefore~~ upon receiving a proper  
receipt for which purpose the Librarian is  
requested to wait upon him & receive the  
money.

The Secretary reports that he has recorded  
<sup>the share late</sup> the transfer of Joseph Whiteall's ~~share~~ by  
<sup>for John Whiteall, who is whom it is vested by</sup>  
Joseph Pennell his attorney to William Gray  
that of ~~Andrew~~ Jacob Dube by Andrew Doy his  
attorney to Samuel Coates in trust for his nephew  
Samuel Coates jun. & the certificate of ~~Joseph~~  
<sup>John</sup> Warner

Application was made for leave to  
transfer the share of Joseph Edmon to Ellis Gamall  
to which the board assents

The following account was produced from the  
Carpenter's Company - for which an order was  
drawn the Treasurer.



Report was made by Mordecai Lewis & Joseph  
 Parshall that upon examining into the facts  
 alleged by Thomas Pennore as stated on the  
 minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. last they are fully  
 satisfied that he has paid ten pounds to the  
 New Librarian as the price of a share which  
 the Librarian undertook to procure <sup>for him</sup> but has  
 not paid the money to the treasurer <sup>since died</sup> <sup>his agent</sup> and  
 they therefore recommend that in consideration of  
 the peculiar hardship of his case the treasurer  
 be directed to give him a certificate for a  
 share on his paying the sum of five pounds  
 which report is adopted by the board  
 reports that he  
 And that the treasurer has received the sum of  
 £.75. amount of the debt due from Wm. Coates  
 being the neat proceeds of the sales of two  
 groundrents mortgaged - the purchaser of  
 which request delivery of the such of the  
 title deeds as are in possession of the Company  
 to which the board assents & desire the treasurer  
 to deliver them to the Sheriff taking his receipt  
 and authorize the Committee to cause satisfaction  
 to be acknowledged in the proper manner if the  
 purchaser should require it - The same Committee  
 is continued to receive the remainder of the  
~~money~~ sum due —

The following presents were received

1. From Joseph Parshall - three of the periodical  
 American locusts - preserved in spirits
2. ~~From the f.~~ and a box of the skins of the same  
 insect
2. From Nathaniel Forbes - a dried porcupine fish



or scatoad - a striated <sup>bivalve</sup> shell and a small  
fish, resembling that which is denominated  
Abacatuāca for which the board return  
their thanks -

~~2. List of a few new books~~

and of the three following treatises from Thomas  
Reader the author accompanied with the  
following card (insert the card <sup>titles of the</sup> treatises)  
The Librarian is directed to return the thanks  
of the board.

Applications made for leave to transfer  
the share of Aaron Oakford to his son Isaac of  
of John Eldridge to Agassiah Morton which  
are both admitted -

An order was drawn on the Treasurer  
in favor of the Librarian for \$10.00

The Secretary is directed to publish the  
usual advertisement for the annual election  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of May next

Benjamin Smith & Richard Wistar are  
appointed a committee to select the  
treasurer of Librarian's accounts & report to  
next meeting -

~~Committee for purchasing American~~

Richard Wells & Thomas Parker were requested to  
purchase the additional volume of Belidor's  
Architecture Hydraulique - which is now for sale  
in this City.



At a meeting May 1<sup>st</sup> Present Mordecai Lewis  
Thomas Morris Thomas Parker Benjamin Gibbs  
John Kaighn Benjamin Poulney Richard  
Wistar the Treasurer

The librarian reports that he has received the  
sum of three pounds from John Ross in full of  
the fine he assumed to pay —

Report was made by Thomas Morris that  
attention has continued to be paid to the recovery  
of the debt due from W. Coates Esq. but no more  
of the money received — The treasurer also  
reports that no demands has been made upon  
him for the seeds mentioned in the minute  
of last month

The board for settling the Treasurer & Librarian's  
accounts report that they have settled <sup>both</sup> these  
~~the former~~ and find a balance in <sup>of the treasurer</sup> his hands of  
£ 306.. 2.. 3 1/2 specie of £. 3.. 12.. 6. State money due to  
the company and that the <sup>outstanding both</sup> ~~accounts~~  
~~balance of the~~ ~~company~~ ~~amount to~~ ~~£ 1100.. 6.. 6 1/2~~  
due to the company ~~of~~ ~~£ 794.. 4.. 3~~ ~~total~~ ~~£ 1100.. 6.. 6 1/2~~  
and ~~exclusive~~ of the proceeds to the annual amount  
of £ 39 — The lots in 3<sup>rd</sup> Street & Chesnut  
Street of the late union Library — and in the  
hands of the Librarian of £ 14.. 6.. 4 due to the  
Company —



on account of the absence of the proprietor of  
the ~~Belin~~ the work entitled Architecture  
by Daulique, the Comtee report that they have  
not ~~concluded~~ proceeded in the business of —

The following letter of invoice was  
reported by the Committee of Correspondence  
read & entered on the minutes —

(Insert letter of minutes)

The Librarian reports that he has received from  
Abijah Dawes sixteen volumes of the Journals  
of Congress the property of the company which  
were in the possession of Benjamin January  
& seized by Mr. Dawes on account of a debt  
due to him from January.

The Librarian is requested to make enquiry at  
the lodgings of Rufus King & Luther Martin Esqrs.  
during their residence in town for the books which  
appear by their notes to be chargeable to them  
& report to next meeting —

Application was made for permission to  
transfer the share of John Connelly to Samuel  
Robinson & by John D. Love Esquire to purchase  
a share of the company to both ~~of~~ which the  
board assents — *as he has recorded in*

The Secretary reports a transfer of Joseph  
Lemons share to Elias Gamall

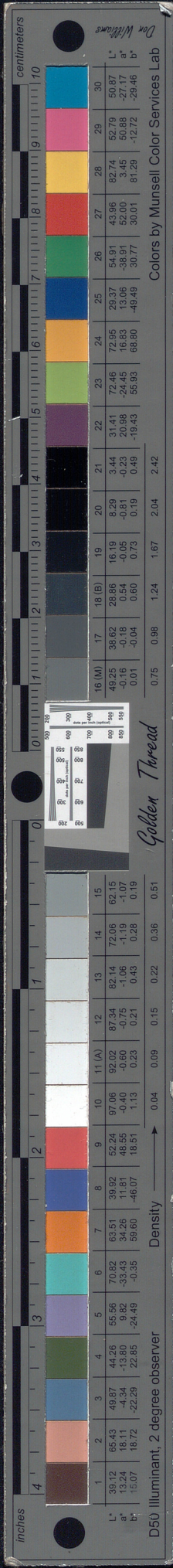


An elegant impression in Copper <sup>said to be</sup> struck by a  
Company in the Isle of Angleras was presented  
from Jeremiah Parker of S. Parke is  
requested to return him <sup>the</sup> the ank, —

The treasurer presented a folio volume of the  
satires of Juvenal translated by S<sup>r</sup> Robert  
Stapylton printed in the year 1660 — & Vertots  
history of the revolution of Spain in 5 vols  
octavo. for which the board returned him  
thanks —

~~The secretary representing to the board that  
he is engaged at the Court of Common Pleas on  
the day fixed for the election which will  
render it impossible for him to attend  
L. Poulson is authorized to officiate on  
the occasion —~~

B. Poulson being: Libr of Richard Winters were appointed  
to label & number & insert in the numerical catalogue  
the books lately arrived





At a meeting of the directors at the Library  
room June 5<sup>th</sup> 1788 - present Josiah Hewes,  
Thomas Morris, Benjamin Poulteney, Mordecai  
Lewis, John Traipha, Benjamin Gibbs,  
Richard Wistar, Joseph Paschall & Thomas  
Parker

A return of the election held on May 5<sup>th</sup> was  
read signed by the two Judges elected by  
the members for the occasion ~~was read~~  
whereby it appeared that Josiah Hewes -  
Joseph Paschall, John Traipha Mordecai Lewis  
Thomas Morris Thomas Parker Richard Wells  
Benjamin Poulteney Richard Wistar &  
Benjamin Gibbs were duly elected Directors  
Jesse Coates treasurer -

The directors met & reelected William Rawle  
secretary and Zachariah Poulton jun<sup>r</sup>  
librarian on the same terms as formerly.

The committee appointed by the last board  
of directors to purchase l'architecture  
by David's report that not having yet been  
able to meet with the owner of the book they  
have not effected the purchase - they are  
reappointed & continued -

The librarian reports that he has made  
enquiry at the late lodgings of Mess<sup>rs</sup> King &  
Martin for the books by them taken  
out of the library & was informed they  
were not left there - The Secretary is desired to write  
to them on this occasion & endeavor to obtain a Return of the Books.



Thomas Morris reports that the Sheriff is about to proceed in the sale of part of the estate of Wm. Coats in order to recover the residue of the debt, but that he has received no money in the last report. Joseph Parballe & Thomas Morris are reappointed a Committee for the above purpose —

The Committee appointed to label numbers given in the numerical Catalogue the books lately received report that they have nearly completed the business entrusted to them. They are reappointed & continued on the service —

The two following accounts were presented allowed & orders drawn on the Treasurer for the respective amount of each —

(Insert the acct)

The secretary reports if he has recorded if certificate of Thomas Purson of the transfer from John Eldridge to Azariah & son —

The following Books are presented to the Company by Zachariah Paulson our Librarian for which the Board thanks him — here insert their Titles —



Two Orders were drawn on the Treas<sup>r</sup>, one of them for  
Freight &c. of ~~books~~ ~~sent~~ ~~the~~ the last Importation  
of Books by the Harmony 17/2 the other in Favor of John  
Clapp for a Plate fixed in the Chimney of the Director's  
Room £1:8:11-

Thomas Affleck Administrator to the Estate of Robert  
Bell applies for leave to use the Share <sup>in the Library</sup> ~~belonging~~  
to the S<sup>r</sup> Estate to which the Directors assent.

~~One of the Members of the Company ~~applied~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~  
~~Directors~~ ~~for~~ ~~leave~~ ~~to~~ ~~use~~ ~~the~~ ~~Share~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~Library~~  
~~belonging~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~S<sup>r</sup> Estate~~ ~~to~~ ~~which~~ ~~the~~ ~~Directors~~ ~~assent.~~  
which the ~~Directors~~ Allen put upon the ~~lot~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Company~~~~

At a meeting the 3<sup>d</sup> July 1788 present  
Joseph Porchall, John Knighs, Thomas  
Morris, Thomas Parke, Richard Winters  
& Benjamin Pulteney - who not being  
sufficient in number to make a board adjourned  
to Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> inst.

At a meeting the 10<sup>th</sup> July present Joseph  
Porchall, Morduai Lewis, Thomas Morris,  
Thomas ~~Parke~~ Parke, John Knighs,  
Benjamin Pulteney, Richard Winters  
& the Treasurer  
The Committee appointed to purchase the  
book entitled L'architecture by Dauligne  
not having effected the purpose are continued

W. W. W. W.



The Secretary not having written to the gentlemen mentioned in the <sup>resolves of the</sup> last meeting in consequence of not having seen the resolve till sometime after <sup>he having left the ground</sup> it was made, is requested to attend to it before the next meeting -

The bounties for removing Mr. Coates' debts are continued.

The Report was made that all the books lately received are numbered & inserted in the Catalogue.

The following presents were received viz.

from Mr. George William Steinhauers late of the colony of Surinam -

The skin of a snake fifteen feet <sup>& one inch</sup> long

The skin of an other snake ~~six~~ <sup>six</sup> feet long

a vial containing snakes preserved in spirits

a curious non descript fish also preserved in spirits -

The head of a pelican

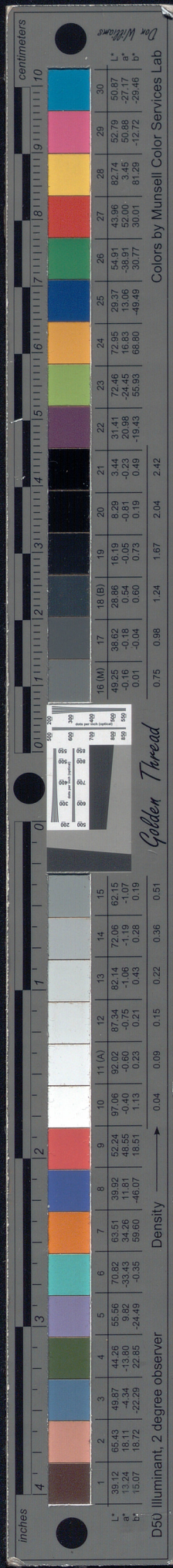
The apron of a female Negro of the tribe of fugitive Negroes in the neighborhood of the colony of Surinam -

From Mr. Henry Osombidge junr.

Caesar's commentaries printed in black letter A.D. 1565.

From Dr. Parke

A canvas representing a Negro in chains with this motto Am I not a man & a brother?





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being the same impressions with the Seal of  
the Society for the abolition of the slave trade  
from Saint. Leger -

Hummingbird's nest with two eggs in it  
and from Jonas Ingraham of Bucks County

~~a petrification~~

a small petrification of several heads of

Indian Arrows

~~for which the thanks of the board were directed to be returned~~  
~~to them respectively~~

Application was made for leave to transfer  
admit the transfer of the share late of John  
Oleese to John Killers of that of the estates  
of Thomas Green to Thomas Green Pollard  
to which the board assents -

An account was exhibited for <sup>£25.</sup> a half years  
rent due to the ~~Liverpool~~ Carpenter's Company  
for which an order for ~~£~~ was drawn on the  
treasurer

Another account from Dunlap & Claypoole  
for papers furnished of advertisements inserted  
for the Company ~~was~~ amounting to £. 10. 16. 7  
was referred to Thomas Morris Richard  
Wick and the Treasurer -

An order was drawn on the treasurer for  
£. 6 - one year salary to the Secretary

On an application from Amos Brown relative  
to a dispute existing between the agents of  
Edward Allen & himself concerning the



brick  
frame building on the lot adjoining the building  
hired by him of the company Joseph Parshall  
Thomas Parkes John Kaighn & Richard Wistar  
were appointed a Committee with discretionary  
power to act as the <sup>nature of the</sup> case may require -

The ~~Library Secretary~~ librarians requested  
to furnish a copy of all the resolves relative  
to the demise of the premises to Edward  
Allen -

A meeting of the Directors Aug. 7. 1788

Present Richard Wells Mordcai Lewis  
Richard Wistar Josiah Morris  
Joseph Parshall Thomas Park  
Thomas Morris John Kaighn  
of the Samuel Coates Treasurer

The  
Committee for purchasing L'architecture Hydraulique Report  
that they have performed that service Price \$89 -

The Secretary not being present to report on the business enjoy-  
ed him of writing to Luther Martin & Rufus King respecting  
some Books detained by them - This is continued in that  
business

The Committee for recovering <sup>Wm</sup> Coates Debt Report  
that the Sheriff has given assurance of its being soon paid

The Transfer of John Meane share to John Miller is recorded  
But that of Thomas Green to Thomas Green Pollard is not yet  
Completed -

The Committee for settling Dunlap & Claypoole Acct. is continued  
The Committee on the case of Andrew Brown & the Agents  
of Edward Allen not have



Having had completed that business one continued  
The Secretary of Reports <sup>was made by the Librarian in behalf of the Secretary</sup> that the transfer of John Connelly to Samuel  
Robinson has been Recorded

James Pettit desires leave to transfer his Share to his Father  
Samuel Pettit to which the Board agree

The following persons not having made their Annual payments  
& being <sup>as agreed by the Law</sup> have forfeited their Shares in the Library

Philip Kenney

John Morris Potts & Co.

Samuel Lobdell

John Rouse & Co.

John Morris Lawyers & Co. Samuel Taylors Estate

William Purrys Estate

Doctor Samuel Powell Griffiths presents to the Library Comf.  
Seven Copper Coins & one Geneva Sixpence and a Carnelian  
preserved in Spirits -

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Zachariah  
Paulson for fifteen pounds

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Caleb  
Bugsby for £14.14.3. for binding Books

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Josiah Haines  
for Two pounds & Nine pence for Candles

Richard Wells & Thomas Morris are appointed a Com-  
missioners of the Trust of Charles Morris respecting the purchase of  
a Lot of Ground which the Board are informed they have for sale  
~~at the Corner of Fifth and~~  
~~Chapin Streets -~~

John Rayburn presents to the Library a Petrified Pillar about  
4 feet long and 12 Inches diameter, which was brought from  
Alexandria in Virginia and left in his possession